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RESOLUTION

EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF MOMBASA, KENYA.

WHEREAS, Honolulu's sister city program has resulted in the promotion of friendship, cultural appreciation, and economic interaction with various cities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the continuation and expansion of relationships under the program are imperative in contemporary times because of the increase in global communications, travel, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Council in Resolution 91-240 has adopted policies concerning the establishment of sister city relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Mombasa, Kenya, has expressed an interest in entering into a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu; and

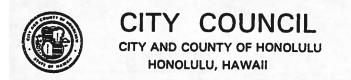
WHEREAS, like Honolulu, Mombasa is a large port city and, in addition to being a major trading port, is a popular destination for cruise ships; and

WHEREAS, similar to Honolulu, Mombasa is an international visitor destination with long tropical beaches, resort areas and untouched natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, Mombasa combines the exotic past of the Arabian nights, Hawaiian serenity, Oriental aromas and colors, busy waterways, and African realism into one of the most exciting cities in the world; and

WHEREAS, like Honolulu, Mombasa's population is enormously diverse with representatives from every community in the Indian subcontinent working in many different types of occupations; and

WHEREAS, Mombasa is similar to Honolulu in size with a population of approximately 800,000; and



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WHEREAS, Mombasa also places much emphasis on education, health care, and environmental protection, cognizant that efforts in those areas are necessary for economic and social development; and

WHEREAS, Mwalimu Mwahima, Mayor of Mombasa, J. Mutuma Angaine, Town Clerk, and Hamisi Mboga, Deputy Town Clerk, have expressed their desire to strengthen the bonds of communication and cooperation between Mombasa and Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that a sister city relationship with Mombasa will be mutually beneficial, fostering opportunities for trade, market exploration, cultural exchange, and educational interaction between societies which have had little contact thus far; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that such a relationship will be consistent with the policies of Resolution 91-240; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Clerk is directed to extend the Council's invitation to the City of Mombasa, Kenya, to establish a sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon acceptance of this invitation by Mombasa, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Mombasa to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement is requested to be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of Mombasa and Mayor of Honolulu.

INTRODUCED BY:	(BR)	
Councilmembers		

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU HONOLULU, HAWAII

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated to the right.

GENEVIEVE G. WONG

JON C.YOSHIMURA CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated 8/9/00

ADOPTED MEETING HELD			
8/9/00			
	AYE	NO	A/E
BAINUM	X		
DeSOTO	X		
FELIX	X		
HANNEMANN	Resigned 7/25/00		
HOLMES	X		
KIM	Resigned 7/25/00		
MANSHO	X		
MIRIKITANI	X		
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